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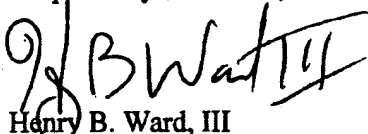
claimed invention. Applicant submits that this feature of the present invention is important as it enables the creation of a more cost-efficient cementitious composition that is lightweight and capable of forming a structural product having high compressive strength.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 9, 18, 26, 34, and 41, as amended, and the claims depending therefrom, include recitations that patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the cited references and that the rejections directed to these claims be withdrawn.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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